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# RATION FOOD SCARCE IN RUMANIA

The privileged few, all good Communists, are supplied by the special supply services of the institutions for which they work and do not have the same troubles as the masses.

The situation as regards the principal products follows:

## 1. Bread

The daily ration varies between 250 grams and one kilogram (the ration for miners). The distribution has been regular this year but the quality is worse than before. The bread contains much more bran than wheat flour. The official price is 14 lei per kilogram. Bread on the free market is 120 to 140 lei a kilogram. State stores sell 100-gram loaves at 10 lei but the government pays only 4 lei per kilogram for the wheat that it takes from the farmer.

## 2. Flour

Flour is distributed only twice a year, Christmas and Easter, when the ration is 150 grams at the price of 20 lei per kilogram. On the black market, flour sells between 100 and 160 lei per kilogram.

### 3. Edible Paste Products

    Holders of ration cards receive 500 grams every 3 months at the price of 70 lei per kilogram. These products are very hard to find on the black market and cost 300 lei per kilogram.

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4. Meat

Officially, meat is distributed once a week but, actually, it is rarely put on sale. The official price is 70 to 100 lei per kilogram and about 200 lei on the black market when available.

5. Oil

There are ten distributions per year of about 500 grams at the price of 70 lei per liter. On the black market, the price varies between 280 and 400 lei, according to the quality.

6. Butter

Butter rarely appears on the market, but when it does the price is 420 lei per kilogram. On the black market, butter sells at 900 lei per kilogram.

7. Sugar

The monthly ration of 500 to 1,000 grams at 56 lei per kilogram has been regularly distributed for over a year. The black market price is 200 lei per kilogram.

8. Vegetables

Vegetables are easy to find in summer but at high prices; potatoes are 40 lei per kilogram and tomatoes 45 lei.

9. Coffee

Coffee costs from 4,800 to 6,000 lei per kilogram, and tea 7,000 lei.

The latest information from Rumania shows that a family of three must spend at least 500 lei for a simple normal meal. This means that one meal per day will cost the family 15,000 lei a month. The monthly salaries vary between 3,000 and 7,000 lei.

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